

Amendments to the Specification:

Please add the following new paragraphs at page 7, immediately after line 10:

--FIG. 17 shows the construction of a fifteenth embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 18 shows a construction of a sixteenth embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 19 illustrates a projector system including a polarizing conversion unit according to the present invention.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 32, line 10, with the following amended section:

-- In the above-described embodiments, a half wavelength plate or a quarter wavelength plate has been described as being used as polarizing rotational means, but besides these, use may be made of resin film, an optically active substance such as a liquid crystal plate, or a polarization plane rotating device such as a Faraday cell to rotate the polarization direction. For example, FIG. 17 shows a fifteenth embodiment of the present invention in which plane parallel plate 1503 includes an optically active substance, thereby forming an optically active substrate. The light beam 102 entering the polarizing element has its beam width compressed by the cylindrical minute lenses constituting the condensing lens 101, and S-polarized light 102S is reflected in a direction orthogonal to the incident light by the polarizing separating films 604 provided on that surface on the plane parallel plate 1503 which is adjacent to the condensing lens 101, and P-polarized light 102P is transmitted through the polarizing separating

films 604. The transmitted P-polarized light 102P passes through the plane parallel plate 1503 (i.e., optically active substrate) and is reflected by the aluminum total reflection film 605 provided on that surface of the plane parallel plate 1503 which is opposite to the condensing lens 101, whereafter it passes through the plane parallel plate 1503 again, whereby it becomes S-polarized light whose polarization direction has been rotated by 90.degree. due to traversal of the plane parallel plate 1503 (i.e., optically active substrate), and emerges from the polarizing separating films 604.

Also, in the above described embodiments, the illuminating system has been described as a condensing lens comprised of cylindrical minute lenses, but the illuminating system may be one provided with a light source portion comprising a number of light emitting elements arranged side by side, and a fly-eye lens for averaging the light emitted by the light source portion or dividing said light into a plurality of lights. For example, FIG. 18 shows a sixteenth embodiment of the present invention, in which the illuminating system 1601 includes LED array 1601₁, and fly-eye lens 1061₂. The LED array 1601₁, includes a plurality of LEDs 1601_A, 1601_B, 1061_C, spaced in coordination with the geometry of the fly-eye lens 1601₂.—

Please insert the following new paragraph immediately following the hereinabove amended replacement section:

--FIG. 19 illustrates a projector constructed according to a polarizing conversion unit 1904 according to the above embodiments of the present invention, the projector further including light source 1902, image forming panel 1906, and projection system 1908.—